

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA S CLAIM OVER BUDDHIST ENCLAVE TAWANG

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has claimed the transfer of the Buddhist Enclave Tawang to China as a step towards settlement of the Indo-Chinese border dispute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) – (b) China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory including Tawang in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India and Government have conveyed this fact to the Chinese side.